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POETRY.

"SHUN IT."

H. T. H.

Life's outlook for me
More brilliant would be
Could the treasures of health be my
dower;
But I'll utter no word
Of complaint of my Lord,
Who has promised me strength for
each hour.
Earth's crucible dire
Our souls oft may tire,
But nearas the Refiner doth wash;
And the arms of his love
He will never remove,
Till reflected his image he catch.
And when o'er me I feel
His presence doth steal,
And my soul finds the rest he hath
given;
I earnestly plead,
That as we both need,
Earth's trials may fit us for heaven.
For sweetly we learn,
Wherever we turn,
The page of divine consolation,
That of sickness no trace
Will be found in that place,
Where Christ is our wondrous Physician.
Selected.

OUR OBSERVATORY.

Our missionary to Brazil, Rev. W. B. Bagby, after five years of heroic service has returned home for a season of much needed rest. He is just up from an attack of yellow fever, and was advised by his physician to leave Brazil for awhile. He is accompanied by his wife and three children. They recently arrived at Richmond and went from there to Texas.—Baptist Courier.

The Baptist Courier makes the following just criticism upon tautological phrases:

Time and again we read of "an old veteran." Are there any young veterans? Does not "veteran" mean old? Over and over again we meet the expression, "the circumstances which surrounded him." Does not the word "circumstance" mean standing around? In this morning's issue of a daily paper we read that a certain man charged with murder was "incarcerated in jail." Does not incarcerate mean to put in jail? We have not selected these expressions from the compositions of school boys. We have found them in articles written by practiced penmen.

THE CLASSIC STYLE.

(Frederic Henry Hedge in Atlantic.)
There is no better illustration of the reserve, the passionless transparency and *simplicity* of the classic style of narrative than that which is given us in the Acts of the Apostles, not the work of a recognized classic author, but, beautifully classic in its pure objectivity, its absence of personal coloring. It that wonderful narrative of Paul's Shipwreck the narrative closes his account of an anxious night with these words: "Then leaping lest they should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day."

Clear, unimpassioned, impartial presentation of the subject, whether done in prose or verse, is the prominent feature of the classic style. The modern writer gives you not so much the things themselves as his impression of them. You are compelled to see them through his eyes; that is, through his feelings and reflections. The ancients present them in their own light, without coloring. They would seem to have possessed other power of seeing than the modern, who, as Jean Paul says, stands with an intellectual spyglass behind his own eyes. Certainly they possess the art of so placing their object as not to have their own shadow fall upon it.

The difference is especially noticeable in poetry, where each style unfolds itself more fully and both are perfected in their several kinds. Ancient poetry is characterized by sharp delineations of individual objects, modern poetry by the color it gives to things and the sentiments it associates with them. The healthy nature of the ancients cared little for anything beyond the visible world in which they moved. The finer the organization, the clearer the impressions which they received from surrounding objects. The modern, estranged from nature, is thrown back upon himself; the finer his organization, the more feelingly he is affected by his environment. The ancient lived more in phenomena, the modern more in thought. Hence, as Schiller says, classic poetry affects us through the medium of facts, romantic through the medium of ideas.

In the thought of the ancients—I speak particularly of the Greeks—soul and body, spiritual and material, were not divided, but blended, fused, in one consciousness, one nature, one man. This identity of matter and mind which they realized in their life is expressed in all the creations of Grecian art.

For us moderns this harmony is lost. The beautiful equilibrium of matter and spirit is destroyed. We are divided within ourselves, our nature is rent in twain. We have discovered that we exist. We are become aware of spirit, and like children of a larger growth would pick the world to pieces to find out where it hides. To the Greeks the world was a fact, to us it is a problem. Where they accepted, we analyze; where they rested, we challenge and dispute; where they lost themselves in contemplation, we seek ourselves in reflection; where they dreamed, we dream that we dream. They enjoyed the ideal in the actual; we seek it apart from the actual, in the vague inane.

SHORT CUTS.

Short cuts have a great fascination for many people. They are impatient, averse to labor, unwilling to pay full price for their attainments, and always on the lookout for imaginary advantages. Usually they lose more than they gain, and pay heavily for what is not fit for use after it is in hand.

There are the young men who make short cuts in their education. Instead of being eager to be as well

fitted out as possible for a life work, they ask anxiously what is the least that will do out a year here and a study there, and rush into the field. After a while they find out that those who plodded on through all the requirements and entered into their work several years later are getting far ahead of them, and filling positions which they can never aspire after.

There are the short cuts to the professions. The short cut minister has no capital of intellectual resources to keep up the supply of sermons needed in the modern pulpit; no standing among men of culture, no force. He drifts from place to place, seeing when too late his mistake, or, not seeing it, envious and miserable.

Churches must needs make short cuts to raise money. Anything is tried except the development of honest charity and the cultivation of christian principle and practice of giving.

A short cut in religious life is the most tempting of all. Many patents have been taken out for forcing sanctification and making the graces of the Spirit flower before the time. But all these hot-house plants do not thrive, and are exceedingly tender when the winds of temptation blow upon them, or a frost of trial is white and hear upon the plain. Souls must grow in grace slowly and with severe pruning. It is a bad thing for them when the tops increase too rapidly for the roots. The Lutheran.

Oh friends! no proof beyond this yearning.
This outreach of our souls, we need:
God will not mock the hope he gives;
No love he prompts shall vainly plead.

darkness,
And call our loved ones o'er and o'er.
Sometimes their arms shall close about us,
And the old voices speak once more.
Whittier.

FAITH AND PRAYER.

But there is a mistake sometimes made in an opposite direction. Prayer and faith are put in contrast one to the other, and prayer is somewhat disparaged, because faith is the instrument of salvation. But it is not to be forgotten that prayer is the expression of faith, and no less a means of its increase. Faithless prayer is of no avail; but prayerless faith, if such were possible, would very soon wither and fade away.

Wherever faith is in the heart, prayer will be on the lip. The child that is newly born utters its cry, and the soul that is born again in faith must needs pray. Hence the two are knit together by St. Paul: "For the Scripture saith, whosever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." * * * For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him; for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom. x., 12-13). You cannot separate the two. Where there is the one, more or less, the other will be found also. Nor must we forget that by prayer faith is exercised, and therefore grows.

"Oh, help us, through the prayer of faith,

More firmly to believe;
For still the more Thy servant hath,
The more shall he receive."

One great reward of believing prayer will be more and more confidence towards God. You pray in faith, God shows in some way that your prayer is heard, and thus you can go on to pray more joyfully and hopefully.—Quiver for March.

How is this planned,
Or that, I may not understand;
I am content my God to know
That all my times are in his hand.
Whatever share
Of loss, or loneliness, or care
Falls to my lot, it cannot be
More than thy will for me to bear.
Mrs. Mary Bradley.

NOT OUT OF THE SHIP, BUT TO THE RIGHT SIDE.

It is a cheering thought that these fishermen of Galilee, who, after the night of unrequited toil, heard in the morning the call to cast their net on the other side of the ship in obeying that call, were changing their attitude, but not their business. It was the same old net in hand to be cast with equal toil as before; the same old fisher's coats about them; the same old fishing boat beneath them, but a new, soul-engrossing purpose within them, which turned their quick steps to the other side of the ship, and nerve their jaded selves to fresh endeavor.

Our life employ be honorable, it is seldom that obedience to God's call is a summons to change of life work. To be sure, God sometimes finds a Bunyan, with curses on his lip and a tinker's kit upon his back, and makes him leave his curses and his kit by the roadside of his old life, and for Christ's sake enter a new and untrodden avenue of life work.

God sometimes finds a Cary, a soldier, and a good one at that, and makes him fold his apron and lay aside his last, that he may become a preacher of righteousness and a pioneer missionary. But doors of providence like these swing on heavy hinges and have massive bolts, and it is rare that the angels are commissioned to open them.

The rule is, that the life work, if it is honorable, which has witnessed your defeat as a self-soul, is to witness your victory as a Christian. God does not often give a permission to quit the ship, and walk upon the waves. More often

he will begin to sink, and in the early days of faith when the world early discovers that the prize of the high calling of God in Christ hangs just over the so-called callings of life, and that there is in life's every-day vocation many a dark continent, the conquering of which for Christ's sake, and the flooding of which with Christ's light is employment noble enough to excite the envy of angels.

Are you a tradesman? Your counter is your pulpit; and standing in your pulpit you can preach to every living creature whose path crosses your own, a gospel, so noble, so lofty, so robust, as the that mute eloquence of the glad tidings you proclaim, will prepare the way of the Lord in many a heart whose deepest concern for a Sunday sermon is that it shall be done before twelve o'clock.

"A carpenter," said Socrates, "who has made up his mind to be the best possible carpenter, will win the wreath of carpentering, though it be only of shavings." It is the carpenter's wreath after all which becomes the carpenter's brow, and a carpenter decked in the ivy wreath of the victorious wrestler, or the jewel-studded diadem of a prince, would appear as grotesque, as would these fishermen casting the net in dress suits? God calls us to serve him in the life-niche wherein he has placed us. He calls us not out of the ship, but to the other side.

Hearing the call, let us go out to our life work, however humble, so it be honorable, and matter it for Christ. Let us put a premium upon what in it was below par and make our life gleam and glow with gospel light, remembering that God calls us, not out of our life ship, but to the right side of it.—The Advertiser.

Because Christ loves us he claims us and desires to have us wholly yield to his will, so that the operation of love in and for us may find no hindrance.—F. R. Havergal.

COMMUNICATIONS.

ABERDEEN.

The first quarter has just closed, leaving pastor and people feeling quite comfortable over work accomplished, and greatly strengthened for better service.

We are organized to do something. We can do nothing without organization. The pastor has been instructed by the church to take during the year four public collections for the furtherance of the cause both at home and abroad. The Ladies' Aid Society, composed of noble women not a few, are earnestly at work for the Master. Their meetings are so pleasant and harmonious that it is delightful to attend. The Sunday-school, with Bro. Geo. C. Coleman as Superintendent, is doing good and substantial work, and with the opening of Spring will doubtless grow to be much larger.

The prayer-meetings are well attended and deeply spiritual. The brethren are now praying, "O Lord revive thy work," and the indications are already favorable for a most gracious answer to that prayer.

The "Rose-Bud" Society has been re-organized, and the youthful members are ready for a forward movement. How beautiful these fair "Buds" in the spring-time!

We do not claim that the entire church membership are all walking in the commandments of the Lord, blameless, but we do hope and pray that all may soon be led to see and realize the importance of living a christian life. For the encouragement of my church, Sunday-school and Ladies' Aid Society, and with the hope of provoking others to good works, I give a financial statement for the first quarter:

Church paid on pastor's salary \$225.00

Church paid Miss. College, \$131.50.

Subscriptions to Record, \$31.00.

Sunday-school paid Miss. College, \$12.65.

Sunday-school paid for literature, \$11.35.

Ladies' Aid Society paid Mississippi College, \$10.00.

Ladies' Aid Society paid for Home Purposes, \$10.90.

Making for all purposes, \$481.75.

This much raised and no one financially injured. For the quarter mentioned, we combined Mississippi College and Ministerial Education. The second quarter will be devoted to our State Mission work.

A. J. M.

Aberdeen, April 5, 1886.

IUKA BAPTIST CHURCH.

I began the pastorate of this church for half of my time in January. I preach the 3d and 4th Sabbaths, and spend with the members the intervening week.

The church has a good Sabbath school superintended by Deacon E. S. Chandler, Sr., a leading lawyer of our State.

The weekly prayer meeting is well attended by the members and others, and quite an interest is manifested. Some say the prayer meeting is the best meeting of the church. It is conducted every Monday night by E. S. Chandler, Jr., a brilliant young lawyer, and a graduate of the State University.

During my first visit, in January, the ladies were organized into a society of Faithful Workers. Faithful have they worked too. They have replaced the old pulpit with a new one, bought a new Bible and hanging lamp for the pulpit, and they say before the society was organized they put out their sewing, now they take in sewing; they are making it profitable too. They have had one supper and made a worsted crazy quilt. Their plan of disposing of the quilt was through two

young ladies, Miss Sallie Hubbard and Miss May Allen, who bought the quilt through their friends. The one securing the larger amount at twenty-five cents a vote was to have the quilt. Miss Sallie was the successful one, and of course the pastor took off his hat when she said to him, the quilt is yours. It is needless to say, somebody was happy when he returned home. They are now at work on an autograph album quilt and a silk crazy quilt. They say they must have 250 names at 10 cents a name on the autograph album quilt, and \$50 or \$60 for the silk one, and they will have it too. They say now where there is a will there is a way—especially so when the heart and hands are set on work for the Lord. Their efforts demonstrate it, for they have made over one hundred dollars since their organization. God bless the Faithful Workers.

Yours in Christ,

W. L. SKINNER.

SLAUGHTER STATION.

Last Sunday there was an event in our little town of Slaughter. We assembled a goodly congregation for our place of worship, for the first time in our "new church"—not a formal dedicatory service, but an informal out-pouring spirit of the willing hands and hearts that had labored and sacrificed for this building, that ere its completion met to worship in this new temple of love. We had an earnest sermon from the pastor, Bro. J. C. Gadd, who, proud of his church and his people, no doubt from his heart more than lips, said "well done" of the faithful there, and we feel sure our friends of the RECORD would say so too, if they could only look in on us and our work—no place where good work is more needed; no place where stouter hearts and more willing hands are needed for the work.

This building is nearing its completion, some painting yet, finishing up of windows for the present, and we have a house highly creditable to this people.

We know we have your sympathies, and trust your prayers, like the benediction of a good conscience from duty done, may ever abide with us.
A FRIEND.

Slaughter, March 27, 1886.

BATON ROUGE, LA.

I write you simply to say that we are trying to keep together in Baton Rouge.

We have called Dr. T. J. Drane, who is a member with us, to preach for us, and we will have service regularly every Sabbath. We are also trying to keep a Sunday school organized and in operation.

The American Baptist Publication Society, through Dr. Bitting, has donated us a nice pulpit Bible, for which we feel thankful.

If we were able to buy them, we would get a church bell and an organ, both of which we need sadly.

Oh that the Lord would put it into the hearts of some of His good people to undertake to raise money enough to buy one of these for the church here.

W. R. RUTLAND.

SENATOBIA, Miss., April 6.

The meeting here will continue during this week. Bro. Spencer, of Sardis, is here, and we are looking for great things.

I leave to-day for McComb City to begin a meeting. Will the readers of the RECORD pray for these places?

HATCH.

While reason is puzzling herself about the mystery, Faith is turning it into her daily bread, and feeding on it thankfully in her heart of hearts.—F. D. Huntington.

Declaration of love for God may be the fruit of excitement, but obedience is the fruit of pure love. Really that one who expresses his love for God and does not obey his word, has great reason to doubt for it is written, "If a man love me he will keep my words." John 14:23.

Also, the text says, "Show proof of your love." Not simply declare it, but prove it. Remember Christ said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." When we first believed, we told that we loved God. When we united with the church by experience, thus separating ourselves from the world, we gave one proof of our love, and when we were baptized we added to that another proof. And just here many conclude that two witnesses are enough, and cease obeying. To such I would say, that while the two things mentioned are acts of obedience, and therefore prove our love for God, the world considers them more declarations of love, and not proofs. And if you cease to obey when baptized, you will never give to the world convincing proof that you love God.

The proofs of love that follow baptism are three. First, Faithfulness in prayer. Second, Searching the Scriptures. Third, Attending appointments for worship, and engaging in the service. Fourth, Godly conversation. Fifth, A turning away from worldliness, or in other words, bringing the body into subjection. Sixth, Visiting the sick and helping the needy. Seventh, Giving to the support of the Gospel in all the earth, as God prospers us. By this last proof, brethren, we show that our love for God and his cause, like his for us, is unselfish and world-wide.

Christians, the times require a proof of your love. Skeptics assert that Christians do not love God, and give as proof, the sad fact, they do not obey his command. It is a common charge against Christians by unbelievers, that they do not love God's word, and they give as proof the lamentable truth; they read newspapers more than they do the bible. Such, my brethren, should not be; if we love God we should prove it by obedience. Our influence enlarges as we obey, and diminishes as we disobey our God's commands. From henceforth, "Shew ye to them the proof of your love."

E. L. WESSON.

Byhalia, March 21, 1886.

BIOGRAPHY OF GENERAL M. P. LOWREY.

In reply to frequent inquiries I wish to say to the friends of the late General M. P. Lowrey, that the biography of his life, which I am preparing will not appear before next fall. The publication of the book was delayed for reasons which I suppose will be patent, and which were urged by friends and interested parties.

The appearance of the book will be announced in these columns and others.

Very Respectfully etc.,
M. B. LOWREY.

Religion cannot pass away. The burning of a little straw may hide the stars of the sky; but the stars are there, and will reappear.—Carlyle.

Let patience have her perfect work, and bring forth her celestial fruits. Trust to God to weave your thread into the great web, though the pattern shows it not yet.—Geo. McDonald.

Home should be made a dwelling place for souls rather than a lodging place for bodies.—Misel.

We cannot worship "The Unknown God," at least, such worship lacks eyes and light, and is fitter for owls and bats than for man.—Spurgeon.

Happiness consists, not only in possessing much, but in being content with what we possess.—He who wants little always has enough.—Zimmerman.

POEM.

BY J. E. TATE.

Written for the RECORD.

However dreadful the rain may fall,
Yet the tiny bird receives
At once, but a few of the drops of all
Of the millions the shower gives.

So the humblest man in the world's
great strife
Has but few of its ills to bear,
And the lowliest station known to life
Is allotted the smallest share.

Thus the humblest Christian on earth
is free
From the direst evils sent,
While the great and mighty alike must
be
Preserved by the Master's strength.

Let us cease to think all the ills of life
On our lonely pathway fall,
For the rich and the great have their
share of strife,
For there's a cross for all.
Osaka, March 20, '86.

HOME BOARD PUBLICATIONS.

The Weekly *Kind Words*, for the first two weeks in April, is received, and one number is an interesting missionary number. It contains a likeness of Mrs. Crawford, of Tung Chow, China, and articles from her, from her brother Eager, in Rome, that prove the value of this little paper for interesting the young in our missions. The other reading matter is good and interesting, and the lessons are well adapted to the young, of different grades. The *Kind Words Quarterly*, for the Second Quarter, is attractive in appearance, and full of valuable and instructive matter pertaining to the lessons. It will be found very useful and is also very cheap at five cents a copy. Order a supply.

"KIND WORDS" AND "QUARTERLY."

We have just received specimens of *Kind Words* and of the *Kind Words Quarterly*, for the Second Quarter of this year. The latter is a neat and illustrated publication, containing all the *Kind Words* lessons for the Second Quarter, besides much other useful and interesting matter pertaining to the lessons and a map. It has a neat red cover and will be found very useful for both teachers and scholars of different grades. The price is only five cents. *Kind Words* contains a portrait of Mrs. M. F. Crawford, and two interesting articles from her; also two articles from Bro. J. H. Eager, about our mission affairs in Italy. Besides much other matter calculated to interest the children in missions.

One number contains an interesting prize story. Taken altogether, the paper is a valuable Sunday-school paper, for the young, and should be taken in all our Sunday-schools.

"Trust not so much to the comforts of God as to the God of comforts."

Faith and obedience are beautifully interlaced, like golden and silver threads intertwined, for the adorning of the character.—David Steele, D. D.

In one single quiet hour of prayer the soul will often make more progress than in days of company with others. It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air is purest.—H. Bonar.

It is a great matter to live lovingly with good natured, humble and meek persons; but he who can do so with the forward, willful, ignorant, peevish and perverse, has true charity.—Kempis.

In all matters of eternal truth, the soul is before the intellect; the things of God are spiritually discerned. You know the truth by being true; you recognize God by being like him.—F. Robertson.

The colored sunsets and the starry heavens, the beautiful mountains and the shining seas, the fragrant woods and the painted flowers, they are not half so beautiful as a soul that is serving Jesus, out of love, in the wear and tear of common life.—Paber.

The longer I live; the more I am assured that the business of life is to understand the Lord Christ. Nothing else is to be called the business of life at all. I am extreme, you may think, but this is liberty and life to me—to know Christ.—C. M. Donald.

When the mind like a pure, calm lake, reflects back the light which is shed from heaven, the image of God is upon it, commensurate with its capacity, for the tiniest drop of dew images forth the truth, though not the full radiance of the sun.—Bethune.

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SISTER NELSON'S WORK.

This sister, so well known, and so near the hearts of Mississippi Baptists, is doing a very laborious and a very Christly work among the children in New Orleans. I feel that it would be a beautiful and good thing for all the Sabbath-schools in Mississippi to make a special contribution to her work. In her name, in the name of Christ, in the name of the children of New Orleans, I ask all the Sunday-Schools to do this. Talk to the children about the poor and untaught children of New Orleans; about Sister Nelson's work, and ask all to give something. It will do them good.

TIME SHORT.

Only one month to do all these things. We must act promptly. After the Southern Baptist Convention, we will take up and press our State work with all our power, and I think with good prospects of success. It is only necessary for us to do our duty, and nothing will suffer.

J. B. GAMBLELL.

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

We have a lot of Bibles and Testaments for gratuitous distribution to the poor. Those needing them, or willing to distribute them, will please send in their orders with explicit shipping directions. Be careful to give shipping directions full. They will be sent at the expense of those ordering, and they can sell enough to pay expenses.

CONCERT.

The Musical Department of the Central Female Institute, will give its Sixty-fifth Semi-Annual Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Music, on the 9th inst., beginning at 7 o'clock, p. m.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD. Delegates should purchase regular tickets to Montgomery, and procure from agent a certificate to this effect, which should be filled up by the Secretary of the Convention, to show that the party named was in attendance, and entitled to special rates, and upon the presentation of the same to agent at Montgomery, he will sell return tickets at one-third fare.

ATMORE.

Gen. Pass. Agt.

Louisville, April 2, 1886.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD.

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 24, '86. Reduced rates from points in Louisiana on our line, for delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and return, will be granted.

B. W. McCULLOUGH.

G. T. & P. A.

LITERARY NOTICES.

THE PARAMORE CHILDREN. By Mildred Scarborough. 12mo. 312 pp. Price, \$1.25. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society.

The scene of this narrative is Eastern Virginia, where Mr. Paramore resided. He was a widower with four children, who, after the death of their mother, had been sadly neglected. The history opens with the coming of a young lady as governess, and continues with her efforts to train and influence them for good, and closes when the happy results have become apparent. It is a history that shows what may be hoped for, under the blessing of God, for constant, careful, firm and loving control of even a specially wild quartette of children.

THE HOSPITAL ROSE; FLORA'S COPY-BOOK. By Mrs. R. M. Wilbur. 12mo. 251 pp. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society.

This work contains two stories for young girls; the first is a touching narrative of a little girl who was in a hospital, and was visited by a mother with two young daughters. Their visit and their letters, and the flowers which they sent from the country, cheered her greatly, and were thus instrumental in hastening her restoration to health. At the

same time, the kind sympathy and words of Christian instruction from the attending physician helped her to trust in Jesus.

The second gives an account of Flora's visit to some relatives in the country, and an account of the various items she entered in her copy-book, as proofs of the great goodness of God. It is very happily illustrative of the words of the Psalmist: "Who is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord."

NINA BRUCE, or, A Girl's Influence. By Rose Hartwick Thorpe, author of "Curfew Must Not Ring To-Night." 12mo. 319 pp. Price, \$1.25. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society.

The scene of this narrative is laid both in Michigan and Texas. We first find Nina living on the border of Lake Michigan with her father and mother and two brothers. From the failure of her health she is sent, as winter comes on, to Texas. She is accompanied by one of the brothers.

The description of Southern society is both amusing and amazing to one born and reared here. The author asks one pertinent question of the South, i. e., why are their beautiful garments so dark with the stain of intemperance? We return the question—why?

The book is interesting, and will do good if it be given to the moral, rather than the thread of the story.

NEW ORLEANS, April 5, '86.

I send extracts from letters received in reference to reduced rates for delegates to Southern Baptist Convention. They may be of value to some of your readers.

Let visitors to our city remember that every Monday at 10 A. M., they can meet the Baptist Union, composed of the Baptist pastors and missionaries here, in the lecture-room of Coliseum Place Church. Reports are made of the work performed during the preceding week, and matters of interest to the cause considered. I very much regret my inability to attend the meetings at Clinton and at Robeline next week. It is not for the want of interest, but simply because I can not leave my work. Our Association at Moss Point convenes on the 15th. I cannot be at Robeline on the 13th, and reach the Association.

The great evangelistic meetings held here since the first of January, have been useful, especially to non-church goers, but the Baptist churches will receive very few members as results. A few days meeting by Geo. C. Needham, in my church, last year, was ten times as fruitful as all the Union Meetings of this year, so far as the Baptists are concerned.

LANDRUM.

BENTON, MISS.

I will send you a few lines from Benton.

I like the RECORD (in its new suit) better than I ever did. Surely it can be truly said that out of this misfortune came a blessing. The ways of God are high ways, and are past finding out. I like the temperance notes. You can count me one for prohibition. I think whisky is one of the greatest evils in our country.

Bro. A. V. Rowe serves our church (the Bethel Baptist Church). I think our church will build up with him as pastor. He is an earnest, consecrated worker for Christ. We are praying for a revival under his administration. Hope to have your prayers in our behalf. The 4th Sunday in April we will give some of the Lord's money for missions.

H. J. MITCHELL.

Brother L. E. Hall is agent for the celebrated Wilcox & White Organs. He can tell you all their good points better than we can, and he is ready and willing to do it. Write to him at Shubuta if you want an Organ and see if he can't suit you in style and price.

LOCAL NEWS.

Notice the advertisement of Wm. J. Brown, Sr.

J. W. Beatty has sold out to Barrows & Laird.

Mr. Lincoln, of Columbus, was in the city last week.

Rev. E. B. Miller, of Grenada, was in the city Tuesday.

Hon. H. C. Williamson, of Carroll, was in the city last week.

Hon. George S. Dodds, of Copiah, was in Jackson Sunday.

Prof. R. C. Redus, of Shannon, was in the city last week.

Mr. Carter Johnstone, of Clinton, was in the city last week.

Judge J. A. Orr, of Columbus, was in the Capital last week.

Mr. Sidney Coulson, of Brandon, is paying Jackson a visit.

H. C. Myers, ex-Secretary of State, was in the Capital Thursday.

The Capital Light Guards is one of the best drilled companies in the State. Its membership is almost entirely made up of boys.

Mr. W. A. Whiting is receiving a large stock of Spring clothing.

Mr. G. M. Lewis, of Clinton, was a visitor at the Capital city Tuesday.

Mr. Phil. Dillake, of Steen's Creek, paid us a visit while in the city Thursday.

Messrs. B. F. Holliday, J. E. White, and J. W. Byrd were in the city Monday.

The Jackson Steam Fire Company No. 1, had a "washing" on Monday evening.

Mr. B. L. Todd, of Clinton, passed through the city Sunday en route for New Orleans.

Notice the advertisement of P. Barr & Co., which appears in the first time in this issue.

Mr. V. H. Cowser, one of our young ministerial students at Mississippi College, passed through the city last week.

Hon. James M. Ray, of Carroll, our genial and good-looking friend, was in the Capital city last week on professional business.

We were glad to meet Miss Florence Woolfolk, of Central Female Institute, and Maggie Webb of Clinton, in the city last week.

Mr. Leroy Webb, our old-time yet handsome young friend, was in the Capital city last week shaking hands with his many friends.

It was the pleasure of the local scribe to meet Prof. J. G. Deupree, of Mississippi College, and his charming daughter, Miss Corinne, at the Ladies' Exchange, Saturday.

Hall's Hair Renewer renews, cleanses, brightens and invigorates the hair, and restores faded or gray hair to its youthful color and lustre. People with gray hair should use the Renewer, and thus conceal from the world their bleached locks and advancing age.

By lack of open air exercise, and the want of sufficient care in the matter of diet, the whole physical mechanism becomes impaired during the winter. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the proper remedy to take in the spring of the year to purify the blood, excite the liver to action, and restore health and vigor.

Dr. Hillman has our gratitude for an invitation to attend the Semi-annual Concert of Central Female Institute. We have attended many of these, and always thought the last one best. Those desiring a musical treat can get by going to Clinton Friday, the 9th, and listening to those Institute girls, trained and guided by Prof. Emil Mengler.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Mr. Thos. P. Barr in another column. He guarantees to his customers satisfaction in all kinds of oil, if they can be pleased at all. Call and see him when you come to Jackson.

Brother L. E. Hall, of Shubuta, Miss., is purchasing organs and pianos direct from manufacturers at lowest cash prices, and is selling them lower than they have ever been sold in the State before. He has the general agency for the celebrated Wilcox & White organs. These instruments are all mouse proof, beautiful, sweet toned, and warranted for six years. Old instruments taken in part payment for new ones. Church and chapel organs a specialty.

MARRIED.

In Greenville, Miss., March 25, 1886, by Rev. E. E. King, Mr. W. T. Harris and Miss Alice Grant, both of Washington county.

PORTWOOD-UPSHUR. At the residence of the bride's mother, in Greenwood, Miss., by Rev. W. T. Lambly, on the evening of Feb. 24th, Mr. R. M. Portwood to Miss Nellie Uphur.

At the residence of the bride's brother, L. O. Gayden, Brandon, Miss., March 2d, by Elder J. L. Pettigrew, Mr. Samuel Wilkins, of Atlanta Georgia, and Mrs. Tommy Gayden, daughter of Dr. F. T. Gayden, of Rankin county, Miss.

ANDERSON-CRAIN. At the residence of the bride's father, Rev. A. C. Crain, 222 St. Joseph street, by Rev. S. Landrum, D. D., March 23, 1886, Mr. H. E. Anderson and Miss Lillie Crain, both of New Orleans.

DIED.

In Aberdeen, Sunday, March 28th, 1886, after a long and painful illness, FRANKIE, baby boy of Frank W. and Jane Saunders.

This beautiful little light has gone out in the earthly home to be rekindled and shine more brightly in the heavenly. God doeth all things well. There is now an additional tie binding the bereaved parents to that better land.

Little Frankie is safe. Safe in the arms of Jesus; Safe on His gentle breast; There by His love overshadowed, Sweetly the soul shall rest.

A. J. M.

Died, on the 17th of February, 1886, at his residence in Natchez, Miss., Mr. Geo. Miller. Mr. Miller had been a citizen of Natchez for forty-eight years, living such a life as to leave no stain on his good name.

He was a modest retiring man, forbidding rather than seeking public gaze. In all his relations to the people he showed himself a refined gentleman. Knowing that he was passing away, he spent his last hours in devout prayer to God that he might spend the great future in the Father's house of many mansions.

May the God who so loved us as to give His Son for us have compassion on those who mourn his loss.

Z. T. LEAVELL.

Under date April 2d, our friend and brother, Dr. Carpenter, writes:

This will convey to you the news of the death of my kind, good old father-in-law, Rev. John East, which sad event took place yesterday about 10:30 or 11 A. M.

Without a pang, in an instant, he was released; and knowing him as we did, we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but feel assured that he is safe with his Redeemer; and to-night, while we are bowed down with grief, he is singing the new song in that beautiful home of which he so loved to speak and sing.

God be praised for the example of humble trust and steadfast hope which he has left us.

His constant theme was his Redeemer, and how to win souls to Him, and to advance His cause.

A faithful watchman has gone up higher.

The last thing he said to me was, "Tell Bro. Gambrell about our little church, and give him my love. I hope God will bless you."

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Everything in our line at Rock Bottom prices.

Those who preach, lecture, declaim or slug, will do find Hale's Honey of Horhound and Tar, the speediest of restorative of the voice in cases of hoarseness. It also cures coughs and sore throat rapidly and completely. Sold by all Druggists at 25c, 50c and \$1.

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I am willing to put it to this test. Go and get a sample of the finest oil you ever saw or heard of, and then take a sample of my "Favorite" and have both analyzed, and if there is any ingredient of safety in the other that is not in mine, or if there is any ingredient found in mine detrimental to it, that is not in the other, I pay the expenses and make you a present. Give it a trial and be convinced that the FAVORITE is the oil for you to use.

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Napkins to match from 30 cts to \$2.50 per dozen.

A nice line of new style fancy all Damasks.

10-Qr. Linen Crumb cloth 85c per yd.

A large assortment of Serim for curtains at 15c. This is the newest, cheapest and most popular thing in curtain goods.

Flannels, waterproofs and Winter dress goods, (all of which we have a good variety), will be sold out exceedingly cheap, in order to make room for spring styles, which are now coming in every day.

Ladies 5 button kid gloves (good quality) at 75c.

Ladies 5 button kid gloves guaranteed.

If they break or rip, bring them back and get another pair, or your money refunded.

Ladies Hosiery, Handkerchiefs &c., in endless variety, with prices to suit the closest buyer.

We have a few jobs of Hosiery, Shoes, Men's and boy's Hats, which we are selling at about one half their value. It may pay you to see them.

It is too early to say much about spring goods—such as white and figured

Lawns and Mulls, Checked Nainsooks, Piques, &c., but we have them in stock already—should you need any.

We also have in the largest and prettiest and cheapest stock of Embroidery in Jackson, at just a little over half what you paid for them last season. It will pay you to come and look at these goods. We will take you from narrow edges at 3c., up to 40 inch flouncing at \$1.25 to \$2.50 per yard.

Don't forget that we make a specialty of shoes, and will always deal fairly with our patrons.

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Feb 25-11

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Cured

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HOME CIRCLE.

Conducted By Mrs. M. E. Gambrell.

POETRY.

ARE THE CHILDREN SAFE?

Thank God that my darling is resting
Safe in the bosom of God;
Prize him for little hands folded
Under the church-yard sod.
I'm glad that on the white forehead
You've printed the last long kiss.
Do you ask why I'm glad and thankful?
And can praise God so for this?
Last night as I in my window
Looking out in the moonlight street
My neighbor's once beautiful face
Went by with unsteady feet.
And I remembered how I had envied
His mother, that sorrowful time
When God sent his white-winged angel
And, leaving her boy, took mine.
But now she sits in her lonely home
In tears, broken-hearted and old.
While the stainless feet of my darling
Are walking the streets of gold.
Thank God for taking my child so soon,
Lest he might have gone astray,
For none are safe while the doors of sin
Stand wide as they do today.
I pity the children of years to come
And mothers who little know
What lies for them in the future,
Of tears and bitterest woe.
For as long as men are licensed to sell
The horrible, accursed thing,
If we cry not aloud against it,
The curse on ourselves we shall bring.
You may be the next one to suffer;
Though little you think it now,
The stamp of sin may be printed next
On your boy's pure, white brow.
Draw him ever so carefully, lovingly,
Tenderly close to your heart,
Remember the day is soon coming
When mother and son must part.
When he must go out into the busy
World.
Alone, a man among men;
Shall we fling wide the doors of tempta-
tion
To lure our boys in then?
We all have a voice in the matter,
And you and I'll have to stand
In the last great day of judgment
At the bar of God's right hand.
To give account whether for or against
This evil we raise our voice,
How for God or sin, for good or souls,
We made everlasting choice.

EDITORIAL.

SOOTHING BALM FOR SUN-
DAY MORNINGS.

It is not found at the drug stores
and none of earth's physicians have
given a formula for its compound-
ing, but it is given, to fill a long-felt
want, by one who has diagnosed
every malady wrought in us by sin.

Perhaps there is not a Christian
in all the world who has not real-
ized how much the small cares and
daily crosses rob of spiritual
strength, not one who does not feel
daily contrition for having failed at
some point to show the spirit of
Christ when some little irritating
circumstance caused a manifestation
of vexation that gave but a poor
testimony for him who said "ye are
my friends if ye do whatsoever I
command you." How often we
ask, "Is there no balm in Gilead?"
What moral pharmacist will tell us
how to smooth over the chafed spir-
it and irritated tempers so that we
may show that we have been with
Jesus? We shall have to call the
Great Physician to our aid, and
first of the blessed prescription are
these words: "Casting all your care
on him for he careth for thee."

How hard that is to do sometimes
not the great cares, oh, no, we
know at once we can't bear them,
but the little trifling ones that we
are half ashamed to mention to the
dearest earthly friend, how can we
tell Jesus about them?

But he knows them already
and we only need to tell him, to put
ourselves in rapport with him.

A Christian woman said once to a
friend just as she took her seat in
Sabbath-school, "I do not know
whether I do right or whether I
glorify God by coming here, every-
thing seems at times to go wrong,
everything to irritate and work
against my coming here, until I
wonder if I do not commit more sin
in my petulance and irritation un-
der the hurry of preparation than I
should to give it up and not try to
come at all."

She felt as if she was more tried
by other women or less able to re-
sist the temptation to impatience
than others. But she was helped
when she knew that others had
struggled against the same tempta-
tions.

One woman said, "It taxes me to those who indulge in these be-
haviors, the utmost verge of endurance, and ages. This rule applies to these
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would otherwise have gone to sup-
port rum-made criminals.—E. E.

TEMPERANCE.

Fears have been expressed by
some good friend of this paper
lest we should permit an undue pre-
ponderance of temperance topics in
these columns. We have no wish to
err in that direction, and the words
of caution are well timed and kind-
ly received. But there are special
reasons why extra stress ought to
be laid on the temperance question
just now. Since the passage of the
Local Option Bill by our State Leg-
islature, the friends of whisky are
on the alert, and active in all meas-
ures by which they may compass
the end they aim at. They will
marshal and drill their forces, and
enlist all the reerers possible from
the neutral or undecided ranks. It
behoves Christians who have
thought, studied and prayed over
this question, to meet the cunning
and craftiness of the saloonists with
that vigilant wisdom which God
vouchsafes to those engaged in a con-
test for the purity, peace and hap-
piness of the homes. Many persons
may be influenced by the testimony
of wise and learned men, to vote
against sowing our lovely home-
land down with saloons. We want
to send out this column, week after
week, with a prayer that God will
use it to turn the hearts of voters
with tenderness and true chivalry,
towards women and children who
must be defenceless if their hus-
bands and fathers' ballots will not
interpose between them and the
liquor traffic.

In hospitals where the largest
amount of alcohol is used, there is
the greatest percentage of deaths.—
Dr. King, President of the Philosophi-
cal Society of Hull, England.

I have amply tried both ways. I
gave alcohol in my practice for
twenty years and have now prac-
ticed without it the last thirty years
or more. My experience is that acute
disease is more readily cured with-
out it, and chronic disease much
more manageable.—John Hugginbot-
tom, F. R. S.

We have for some time charged
extra rates for brewers and persons
engaged in the manufacture or sale
of beer and spirits, even when the
applicants themselves were abste-
mious men, for we fear that persons
so engaged cannot keep so near the
fire without getting burned.—Equi-
table Life Ins. Co.

If there is anything proved by our
mortality experience, it is that those
who abstain from the habitual or
excessive use of alcoholics have a
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Were it possible for me to speak
with a voice so loud as to be heard
from the river St. Croix to the re-
mote shores of the Mississippi,
which bound the territory of the
United States, I would say: "Friends
and fellow citizens, avoid the habit-
ual use of these seducing liquors."
* * * Ministers of the Gospel of every
denomination in the United States!
aid me with all the weight and in-
fluence of your sacred office, to save
our fellow men from being destroy-
ed by the great destroyer of their
lives and souls.—Dr. Benjamin Rush,
in 1787.

Just here the grand jury desires to
emphasize the fact that nearly all
the homicides considered by them
during this season, were committed
in drinking saloons, and nearly all
the crimes of violence originated in
such places, or were committed when
the actors were under the influence
of strong drink. In asking for a
more stringent enforcement of the
existing laws, whose provisions are
simple, reasonable and humane, the
grand jury is only aiming to dam-
p down and control the principal sources
of the crimes it is periodically called
to confront.—Grand Jury of New
York City, 1884.

In the performance of our duty,
we have been deeply impressed with
the fact that four-fifths if not nine-
tenths, of the six thousand paupers
and criminals which fill our public
institutions, are in their present sad
and deplorable condition through
the influence of intoxicating liquors.
If we look beyond these institutions
to determine the cost of the liquor
traffic to this city, if we estimate
the increase of the police force ne-
cessary to meet its requirements, the
degradation emanating from the in-
famous post-houses which it sus-
tains, the idleness which it fosters,
the wealth it squanders and destroys,
the poverty and disgrace which it
entails, the burdens and expenses
which it lays upon our courts of jus-
tice; and if we add to these the per-
petual support of so large a number
of paupers and criminals—the loss
we suffer is incalculable.—Grand
Jury of Philadelphia.

The Church of Great Britain loses
on an average, one member excom-
municated or slaughtered by intem-
perance, and as there are thirty
thousand churches, thirty thousand
of God's people are annually the vic-
tims of the cup.—Rev. Norman Hall.

The facts and considerations just
named, make clear the sad truth
that the children of parents whose
systems were tainted by alcoholic
poison do start in life under great
disadvantages. While they inherit
strong animal propensities, and mor-
bid appetites and tendencies com-
mon to all mankind, they have
stunted and enervated faculties, the
power of resistance is less than in
children of purer stock. They are
therefore more likely to fall into the
pauper or criminal class.—Second

Report of Board of State Charities,
Mass.

The liquor men recently circulat-
reports that property in Atlanta
had greatly depreciated in value on
account of the adoption of prohibi-
tion. The ministers of that city have
investigated, interviewing business
men, and they emphatically deny
the false report. The only capital-
ists who have left Atlanta are the
liquor men, whose departure is oc-
casion for congratulation. If they
would all leave the United States,
we would favor a national holiday,
celebrating their abdications.—Jour-
nal & Messenger.

SELECTED.

A MAN WHO WAS IN EAR-
NEST.

Seventy-five years ago there was
a poor clerk, living at Landport,
in England. He had a wife and
two children, the second was the
boy Charles, and as soon as he was
old enough, he had to do something
toward his own support. Although
he had an ordinary day-school edu-
cation as a little boy, yet at ten
years of age he was obliged to go to
work in the employ of a London
blacking manufactory, pasting la-
bels on pots of blacking, because his
father had become a bankrupt and
was imprisoned for debt. The fam-
ily had become larger now, and lit-
tle Charles had a hard time, and
he was as poor and wretched a
life boy as you would care to hear
of. But after a while his father
had a little money left him—enough
to get out of prison and take a po-
sition as reporter on a paper—and
been apprenticed, Charles to a
lawyer, with whom the boy served
long enough to learn something of
books and crooks of the profes-
sion, but there was another kind
of crooks that he longed to
become familiar with. He wanted
to become a reporter, like his father,
so he bought a book on stenography
and hard, persistent study, fit-
ting himself to be a reporter. He
managed to get a position on a
paper, where his work was
hard and accurate that he got
paid very fast.

Then, after all this hard work, in
a practical direction, he ventured to
blow the spark of genius, which
he believed inside of him. That is
he wrote some short sketches of
English life. He was delighted to
have them accepted and printed in
a magazine, under the signature
"Box." These sketches attracted
some attention, though they gave
small evidence of his wonderful tal-
ent. But the young man knew this
talent must develop by hard work,
and that he was not afraid of
it. Each successive thing he wrote was
better and better; and when he
wrote "Pickwick Papers" he set the
whole English-speaking world a-
laughing, and his reputation and
fortune were made.

Still he kept hard at work trying
to improve his style, until his writ-
ing became a part of the most re-
markable in the language, and in
the opinion of some critics, his mas-
tery of the English language is next
only to Shakespeare's. This wonder-
ful young man is remembered to-
day as Charles Dickens. Speaking
of his own career, he says: "I will
only add, to what I have already
written of my perseverance at this
time of my life, I know this to be
the source of my success. Some
happy talent, and some fortunate
opportunity, may form the two
sides of the ladder on which some
men mount, but the rounds of that
ladder must be made of stuff to
stand the wear and tear, and there
is no substitute for thorough-going,
ardent and sincere earnestness. I
never could have done what I have
done without habits of punctuality, order
and diligence—without the deter-
mination to concentrate myself on
one subject at a time. Whatever I
staunchly engaged in, I have tried to do in my life, I have
weak restraining faculties, the have
temptation is greater, and their
power of resistance is less than in
children of purer stock. They are
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pauper or criminal class.—Second

THE PEACOCK'S THRONE AT
DELHI.

India has been the place no doubt
where diamonds have exhibited
their most glowing splendors. That
was a singular and wild fancy of
Aurangzeb when, in 1658, he de-
posed his father in the Shah Jehan,
and usurped the throne. He caused
to be constructed the famous Takht-
i-Tams or Peacock Throne, repre-
senting, by appropriate jewels, a
peacock, its head overlooking, its
tail overshadowing, the person of
the Emperor when sitting on the
throne. The natural colors of the
bird were represented by the rarest
and most gorgeous stones of the
Eastern world, and the eyes of the
bird were supplied by the two cel-
ebrated diamonds, the Koh-i-nur,
or the Mountain of Light, and the
Koh-i-tur, the Mountain of Sinai.
The gentleman who put up this very
pretty piece of machinery called
himself Aurangzeb—that is, the or-
nament of the throne; and he seems
to have occupied it until he was 87
years of age, when, by-and-by, after
the reign of several successors, the
Peacock Throne was broken up and
all its splendor scattered. When
Nadir Shah broke up the Peacock
Throne, the Koh-i-nur was missing,
and all his efforts to obtain it were
battled. At last a woman of the ha-
rem betrayed the secret, informing
Nadir that the vanquished emperor
wore it concealed in his turban.
Nadir had recourse to a very clever
trick to obtain possession of the
prize. He had seized already on
the bulk of the Delhi treasures and
had concluded a treaty with the
poor deposed Mogul Emperor, with
whom he could not very well, there-
fore, get up another quarrel, so he
availed himself of a time-honored
custom seldom omitted by princes
of equal rank on state occasions a
few days after. Upon a great cere-
mony held at Delhi, Nadir proposed
that he and the Emperor should ex-
change turbans in token of good
faith. The Emperor, astonished,
was taken back. He had no time
for reflection. Checkmated, he was
compelled to comply with the insid-
ious request. Nadir's turban was
glittering with gems, but it was only
itself a plain sheepskin head-gear.
The Emperor, however, displayed
neither chagrin nor surprise; his
indifference was so great that Nadir
supposed he had been deceived, but
withdrawing to his tent, he unfold-
ed the turban, and gazing upon the
long-coveted stone, he exclaimed,
"Koh-i-nur!"—the Mountain of
Light! When the Punjab was an-
nexed in 1849, and the East India
Company took possession of the La-
hore treasury in part payment of
the debt due by the Lahore Govern-
ment, it was stipulated that the
Koh-i-nur should be presented to the
Queen of England. Here happened
one of the most entertaining inci-
dents and the last little romance in
connection with its history. At a
meeting of the East India Board,
the priceless diamond was commit-
ted to the care of the illustrious John
(afterward Lord) Lawrence. He
received it, dropped it into his wait-
coat pocket, and thought no more
about it. He went home, changed
his clothes for dinner, and threw
the waistcoat aside. Some time af-
ter, a message came from the Queen
to the Governor-General, Lord Dal-
housie, ordering the jewel to be
once transmitted to her. Lawrence
said at the Board to his brother
Henry—his brother-in-law also in
the greatness of Indian conquest.
"Well, send it at once." Why, you
have it!" said Henry. Lawrence
used afterward to say how terror-
stricken he was at his own careles-
ness, and how he muttered to him-
self: "This is the worst trouble I
ever got into." This mighty chief-
tain whose eagle eye and iron hand
were equal to the largest and small-
est interests, and who saved for us
our Indian Empire, had treated the
famous diamond with disrespect!
However, it was found where he
had put it, and the delightful bio-
grapher of Lawrence says: "Never,
I feel sure, whether flashing in the
diadem of Turk or Mogul, or the up-
lifted sword of Persian, Afghan, or

Shik conqueror, did it pass through
so strange a crisis or run a greater
risk of being lost forever than when
it lay forgotten in the waistcoat
pocket of John Lawrence."

The Koh-i-nur is now preserved
in Windsor Castle, but a model of
the gem is kept in the Jewel Room
of the Tower of London.—Leisure
Hour.

FAMILY LOVE.

If there be anything which makes
life worth living, it is to be one of
an affectionate family. Strange to
say, however, most people could
count up the families, that is, in
which there is a tender care for
each other, but an unselfish deport-
ment and a kindly interest always
manifested by every member of the
home circle towards every other
fellow member. The daughters
will always fetch their mother any-
thing she may want, and brush
their brothers' top coats and hats
for them; the male members, of
the house start off for work in the
morning. The lads, too, will often
take their sisters for a walk, or pay
them little attentions which cost
nothing and mean a great deal.
This is the household into which a
young man who wants a good wife
will do well and wisely to marry.
There may not be much show about
the girls, but he will find that they
are affectionate, and their disposi-
tions stand the test of wear. It is
easy enough to fall in love with a
girl when she is arrayed for a party,
and feels the flush and pleasure
of the fun. When life deepens and
darkness, however, and little family
worries come in, a man wants some-
thing more than a pretty drawing-
room ornament for a wife—he needs
a real, good-hearted, honest, woman-
ly soul and help mate.

Be patient when the shadows
Seem to gather in the sky;
A ray of God's best sunshine
Will cheer you by and by.

Faith's life is songs. She marches
to battle with a psalm. She suffers
with a hymn upon her lips. She
glorifies God in the fires. She pas-
sages out of the world to music of the
Te Deum, and not to the dolorous
notes of a dirge. She thrusts out
the wailers and lamenters from the
chamber of her departed, and enters
the room having none with her but
the Lord, who is the Resurrection
and the Life. Does doubt compose
sonnets or chant hosannas?—Lu-
theran.

Wherever the Bible goes its power
over men is recognized by all
thoughtful observers. It changes
character, it transforms the outward
life. Yet some men do not welcome
such transformation, either in them-
selves or others. "Madam," said a
Hindoo gentleman to one of the mis-
sionaries in India, "Madam should
be most welcome in all the houses of
the Brahmins, but we are afraid of
the Bible.—Missionary Herald.

What we want in Christ we always
find in him. When we want noth-
ing we find nothing. When we want
a little we find a little. When we
want much we find much. But
when we want everything and get
reduced to complete nakedness and
bereft, we find in him God's com-
pensation, ordering the jewel to be
gold, and jewels, and gar-
ments to clothe us, bright with the
richness and glory of the Lord—
Sears.

When worthy men quarrel, only
one of them may be faulty at first,
but if strife continue long, common-
ly both become guilty.—T. Fuller.

We kill all evil by fellowship with
the Master. His presence in our
lives is like the watch fire that the
traveler lights at night.—It keeps
wild beasts of prey away from the
fold.

It is a great deal better to live ho-
ly than to talk about it.—Moody.

If men are so wicked with religion,
what would they be without it.—
Franklin.

BAPTIST RECORD.

BRO. GIDEON VISITS FULTON.

DEAR RECORD.—The past week our little church has had a season of enjoyment. The visit of Bro. W. L. Gideon, of Troy, has been blessed of the Lord to our good. During his stay he preached nine sermons. The best thoughts, activities, and influences of a true heart, imbued with a loving faith, were forced upon our little struggling body, to warm it into renewed zeal and stronger faith. Not in vain, no not in vain, for the fruits are already manifest. Our prayer meeting shows it by a better attendance, our Sunday-school by an increased interest, and our membership by greater devotedness to church work.

Our brother left on Saturday morning, expressing himself well pleased with his visit, and hopeful for the future of the Lord's cause in our little growing town. It is a law of our moral and intellectual being, that we promote our own happiness in the exact proportion that we contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of others; hence we are confident that Bro. Gideon received a rich reward, although his pecuniary recompense was not great. It is the cry, not of the Baptists only, but of all, "Hail, Bro. Gideon, come again. We would not live upon snow, cold, dead forms."

In weariness. All nature shows After the wild, wild winds and wintry storms, There comes repose.

Pray, ye brethren, that this may prove the spring tide of prosperity to our North-east Mississippi Zion.

St. Clair Lawrence.

Fulton, Miss., April 1, 1886.

MOODY AND SANKEY.

Bro. Bowen thinks Mr. Moody is not an eloquent man yet he moves the masses as the ocean moves the masses on its bosom. His is simple, mild, unostentatious eloquence, that just goes down into the hearts of the people and rivets their attention and his beautiful little apostolic words warm up the inert masses of cold Christianity and set them in fine working order.

A poor, barren preacher talks to them as though he would put them to sleep. Mr. Moody as though he would wake them up. His is not the fine turned periods of the rhetorician, but the calm sweet words of the earnest man of God. For instance, he will say, "Christians, you are in the world, but not of the world. Now there is a big ship down there in that river, but she is not of the river. It is a nice place for her to be. It is the only place she could be of any advantage. Now suppose the river should get in the ship? You see at once the ruin that would be wrought. You must do like the ship, stay in the world but never let the world get in you."

I suppose there were 20 or more big preachers on the stand with Mr. Moody but all of them combined could not have drawn the thousands there that he did.

Any one looking at Mr. Sankey would select him as a saint and he has a Seraph's voice. He made his songs interesting before he sang a word of them. He did it thus, "Now," said he, "I will sing you a little song—number 15 Gospel Hymns—There is a gate that stands ajar. There is," said he, "a story connected with this song that makes it very sweet and dear to me."

"When we were in Scotland holding a meeting in Edinburgh, a young lady attended the meetings named Maggie Lindsay. She lived at some distance away and was there at school. She came very frequently to our meetings and at last, under the singing of this hymn, she became powerfully converted, and seemed to take it home to her soul. She bought one of the books. Soon after she left school to return home, and on the way there was a terrible collision and many people were killed and wounded thereby and among the rest Miss Lindsay was mortally wounded. She had the book open at the moment of the col-

lision and her blood was strewn all over the page that contained this song. She died in a few days, very happy in the triumph of the Saviour's love. The story was printed in all the papers and thrilled Scotland."

"Thus he had made the song popular in the eyes of his hearers before he had sung a line of it, and then under the sweet inspiration of his voice the audience listened with breathless interest."

Every body would forget the small ideas of sectarianism and the hearts of Christians rising far up above the feelings of sect would enthroned themselves on a higher plane of devotion.

Mr. Moody says "that a Christian without the spirit of forgiveness in his heart, is like a house without a door to its nice to look at but of no practical benefit."

There are numbers of cold and lukewarm Christians everywhere in the world. Their lights are out, but under piles of ashes the warm coals of Christian belief still linger, these men get away these ashes from their souls and enable those dormant heat coals again to glow with glorious fervor.

Mr. Editor, did you ever see coffee settled by an egg? As all the coffee dregs cling around and stick to the egg, so does the scattered, elementary substances, the details of Christianity, come out and cling to these gospel workers. Messrs. Moody and Sankey are traveling gospel colleges passing through the land. They call up attention to gospel matter. Sow religion by all waters and in all hearts and prepare the way for the garnering in of members to the various churches where they have partialities.

T. E. TATE.

ELDER L. BALL.

This brother, State Evangelist in the work of the Convention, arrived here in Louisville, Winston county, February 13, with only a day or two's previous notice of his coming, to visit the churches of this Association in the interest of State work. Coming just at the first brief letting up of severe winter weather, and while we were yet in winter quarters, he took us by surprise. We soon saw he evidently meant business. He preached on Sabbath, next day twice, and at night after till Friday, getting at once the ear of the people and holding interested attention to the last. At my suggestion, he took no public collection, but talked freely of his work and the duty of giving and doing for Christ. On the last day, just before his leaving, I walked round with him and called on brethren and friends personally and privately for their contributions, and he received in all near \$27 in cash, being so considerable for this place that we all felt gratified. He then visited six other churches, east, south and west, and after passed through this place again, giving us another sermon at night, as he proceeded to other churches north of here. I have just received a card from him at Duck Hill, March 27, after completing his canvass of this Association, and before entering the Zion. His collections were nowhere so satisfactory perhaps as at this place, but good impressions were everywhere made, as I know they were here. He would be much more cordially welcomed on another visit. It is not the work of a day, or even of a few days or weeks to develop properly even one church, much less a whole association of over forty churches that have practically for years been doing almost nothing for general objects.

Bro. Ball has traveled among us surprisingly for his age and the weather and roads, but he has by no means tramped the field into barrenness, however muddy, by his passing through it. Good has been done by his visit, which we pray may not be lost.

Fraternally, etc.,

W. H. HEAD.

Subscribe for the Record.

FROM BRO. PURSER.

[Many of our brethren will read this private note with real joy, and Bro. Purser will excuse our printing it. We love to hear from our brethren who have gone out from us.—Eos.]

I send enclosed \$5 for Record to be continued to me at this office as the church called me last Thursday night, making the call indefinite, instead of for one year, and increasing my salary from \$1,440 to \$2,400. This, too, after having sent out three colonies last year (which are now three churches) each having its own pastor. Our new house is the most convenient house of worship I ever saw. Our congregations are good. I mean large, and we have accessions nearly every Sunday, many of them by letter, of course, but some by experience and baptism are coming in all along. I am looking forward to the meeting of the State Convention here next July, and hope not only to see you, but many of my dear brethren from Mississippi with whom I have spent so many happy days.

D. J. PURSER.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 26, 1886.

McCOOL, MISS.

After expressing my sympathy for you in your great trial and misfortune, I am glad to see you come out of the fire so much improved. A great many of us loved the Record before. We love it better now.

I wish to say through the Record that Bro. Ball has just finished a noble work in the Louisville Association. It would have been better if the people had attended his appointments. I have witnessed a great many collections but I never witnessed one where the people were more wrought upon by the platitudes than at Bro. Ball's appointment. He made me feel like doing better in the future. I believe Bro. Ball's work in this Association will bring forth much fruit in the future. May the blessings of Heaven rest on consecrated Brother.

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